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FOLLOWING GRB VOICE OF THE REVOLUTION BROADCAST MONITORED 13 JULY  
2000 HOURS LOCAL:

YESTERDAY EVENING THE TANZANIAN ARMY, OBVIOUSLY MISREADING ITS  
COMPASSES, MISTOOK BURUNDI FOR MOZAMBIQUE, ATTACKED OUR ARMED  
SECURITY FORCES, WHICH ASSURE THE PROTECTION OF OUR COMMON FRONTIER  
WITH TANZANIA, CAUSING MATERIAL DAMAGE AND LOSS OF LIFE AMONG THE  
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CIVILIAN POPULATION AND THE ARMED FORCES. BURUNDI COULD HAVE

RIPOSTED BUT DID NOT, BECAUSE IT INTENDS TO REMAIN FAITHFUL TO THE IDEALS OF THE OAU AND THE GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY WHICH IT HAS ALWAYS FOLLOWED AND TO WHICH IT REMAINS PROFOUNDLY ATTACKED.

OUR COUNTRY REGRETS THE FACT THAT RADIO TANZANIA, OUT OF DAR ES SALAAM, EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT THE ATTACKS MADE BY THE REGULAR TROOPS OF TANZANIA AGAINST OUR ARMED SECURITY FORCES AND OUR PEOPLE. YOUR ALREADY KNOW THAT HIS EXCELLENCY COLONEL MICHEL MICOMBERO, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI, HAS SENT A TELEGRAM TO HIS TANZANIAN COUNTERPART, HIS EXCELLENCY MWALIMU JULIUS NYRERE, IN WHICH

HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE REGULAR TANZANIAN TROOPS MASSED ALONG OUR COMMON BORDER MIGHT COORDINATE WITH OUR ARMED FORCES TO CONSOLIDATE OUR MUTUAL INDEPENDENCE AND THE LIBERTY OF ALL OF AFRICA. UNFORTUNATELY, THE WISE APPEAL OF OUR CHIEF OF STATE WAS NOT HEEDDED.

OUR COUNTRY ALSO NOTES WITH REGRET THAT THE TANZANIAN AUTHORITIES DELIBERATELY CONTINUE TO TRY TO STIFLE 4 MILLION BURUNDI BY REFUSING TO LIFT THE BLOCKADE OF GOODS DESTINED TO AND FROM BURUNDI.

WE WANT TO ASSURE OUR AFRICAN BROTHERS THAT WE SUFFER WHEN WE HAVE TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST REBEL ELEMENTS (WHICH REGULARLY DISTURB THE PEACE AND TRANQUILITY OF OUR PEOPLE) TO PREVENT THEM FROM DOING HARM. THOSE WHO PUSH THEM INTO THIS SAD ADVENTURE AND THE ONES WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR DISAPPEARANCE.

WE CONGRATULATE OUR ARMED SECURITY FORCES, AS WELL AS OUR PEOPLE, FOR THE COOLNESS AND CALM THEY HAVE SHOWN IN THE FACE OF THE INCURSIONS OF THOSE WHOM WE CONTINUE TO CONSIDER OUR BROTHERS, FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE. WE INVITE OUR PEOPLE, IN PARTICULAR THOSE WHO LIVE IN THE TANZANIAN FRONTIER, TO REMAIN CALM. OUR VALIANT ARMED SECURITY FORCES, UNDER THE HIGH COMMAND OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC AND MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE, AND OF THE GENERAL STAFF OF THE ARMED FORCES, WILL SPARE NO EFFORT TO ENSURE THEIR PROTECTION AS THEY HAVE ALWAYS DONE, WITH STRICT REGARD FOR THE SACRED PRINCIPLES OF THE O.A.U.

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WE TAKE THIS OCCASION TO ASK ONCE MORE THAT TANZANIA DO EVERYTHING NECESSARY SO THAT PEACE MAY REIGN ALONG OUR COMMON BORDERS. WE ARE CERTAIN THAT THIS WOULD ALLOW THEM TO DEVOTE THEIR ATTENTION TO THEIR REAL ENEMIES, WHO ARE TO BE FOUND ELSEWHERE THAN IN BURUNDI. YOST

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